



BEACONSFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Beacon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 9 – Book Week

Book Week sale in Library
commence August 9 – 12

August 11 – Choir Performance at Crown

August 13 – Book week
dress-up day
Room 4 Assembly

August 18– NAIDOC Celebration

August 19 – Interschool Cross Country

August 20 – School Development Day – No students

Dear Beaconsfield Primary School Community

One of the highlights of our school calendar, Beacy's Got Talent, enthralled our students, staff and parents today. As always, I am in awe of the sheer talent and artistic abilities within our school. I am incredibly proud of not just the performers on the day, but of everyone who auditioned throughout Term 2. It takes not just talent, but courage to put yourself forward in front of judges and peers. We were lucky to hear the unveiling of our school song. We done to the choir who brought to life the lyrics created by Sam, Sophie, Yannick, Chloe, Lucy, Gulsha and Zoe (now in Year 7). It was remiss of me during the show to not acknowledge the incredible hosting efforts of our School Captains, Nathaniel and Georgia. As always, they managed and coordinated the event with professionalism and maturity. We were very lucky to have our ICT leaders, Kayla, Logan, Alexa, Roman and Charlie, providing impressive sound expertise. Well done to everyone involved and a big thank you to Avril Mulligan for not just facilitating the event, but for her enduring support and encouragement of all our students. Thanks also goes to the staff who helped with the judging throughout the audition process.

This week, we have again been reminded of the impact of the pandemic and how quickly the situation can change. We have been very lucky in Western Australia, but we are mindful that at any minute, we could find ourselves in the same situation as some of our Eastern States neighbours. Should we need to move to a home schooling situation, we will enact our Home Learning Guidelines, that defined our response in 2020. They can be found [here](#) on our website. Please note that I am not pre-empting any announcement, it is just to ensure that everyone is aware of how we would manage schooling in a potential lockdown.

Many of you would be aware of a decision we made this week to close the bottom oval to the public. This was in response to the current state of the oval and advice from specialists who noted that the degradation of the turf was a result from the over use from the number of dogs and their owners who frequent this space on a daily basis. We have been informed that this issue will continue to reoccur as long as it is readily accessible to the wider community. We are hoping to have the grass back in good condition in time for our faction carnival in September. I know that closing the oval may prove to be contentious to some, but I trust that our school community understand the reasoning behind this. Please direct any queries to myself.

Today the planting of the lapthon trees began. A big thank you to Nicola Bagley for her endless enthusiasm and energy in driving initiatives across our school, and also of course, our wonderful P&C. The trees were planted by Erik Hooff, and we thank him for his horticultural expertise.

It is that time of the year when we start to think about the following year. If you are not intending to return to Beaconsfield Primary in 2022, please let our front office staff know.

It has been great to get back to work and back amongst our wonderful school community. I would like to thank Chris John for so competently taking up the role of principal in my absence. He was kept on his toes with a snap lockdown and I thank everyone for their patience and understanding during that time.

Have a great weekend!

Kirsten Dicker
Principal

Amanda Elizabeth - Marine Biologist visit

Amanda has spent years studying sharks in Australia and South Africa. It was wonderful to have her come in and present to the Year 5/6 children as an introduction to their Biology unit. We learnt some amazing facts about shark senses, adaptations and how important they are for the balance of our oceans. Did you know sharks have survived multiple mass extinctions and predate the dinosaur era? Did you know that shark skin is made up of the same material as shark teeth? We are blown away in Year 5/6 and are so keen to learn more. Thank you Amanda Elizabeth for helping us see sharks in this fascinating way.



Year 1 Fremantle Literature Centre Incursion

This week, the Year 1 children were lucky enough to have a visit from the Fremantle Literature Centre. Miss Jen showed us original art work from the picture book, *Once Upon a Small Rhinoceros*. We explored the story and imagined where we would go if we could float away in a hot air balloon.



Beacy Brainiacs

Have a go at being courageous and try solving some of these problems. I am looking to give away lots of Gold slips for courageous students who have a go at any of the Maths problems below. Send your answers along with any working out (attach a photo) to kyle.oakley@education.wa.edu.au

BRONZE QUESTION

Here are three caves. There are bears in each cave. There are 12 bears altogether.



If there are 2 bears in the first cave, how many bears might be in each of the other caves?

SILVER QUESTION



The average person in Australia travels by air for a total of 20 hours per year. This equates to 1000 kg of carbon added to

the atmosphere by each person, each year.

A green initiative suggests that if everyone planted two trees a year, this will offset the carbon from air travel.

Assuming the average lifespan of a tree is 50 years, how much carbon does each tree offset, each year?

GOLD QUESTION

Simon is helping to organise the 18th birthday celebrations of the local cycling club. They think about 270 people will attend.



If they give a spot prize to every 18th person, how many prizes will they need? What percentage of the people would get a prize? On the day, 360 people attend. How many more spot prizes are needed? Is the percentage of people who get the prizes the same in both cases?

Sustainability news:

Well done and thank you to everyone for getting behind our **Plastic Free Term 3**



at Beacy, particularly with the avoidance of single use plastic as a lunch wrap (clingwrap, zip loc bags etc). I have had many conversations with students who have told me ways in which they are trying so hard to not use any single use plastic at school and at home.

The competition amongst our staff to win the limited edition Keep Cup is red hot! It has been so wonderful to hear students dobbing in their teachers and really noticing if a teacher is using a takeaway coffee cup. With **2.7 million** coffee cups being used and discarded every day in Australia, who can blame them?

During this term we are also commencing a **bin blitz at Beacy**. Currently, we recycle all paper and cardboard, as well as co-mingle recycling. Furthermore, each classroom has a food compost bin, that is then utilised in our worm farm in the Kitchen Garden. All bins are labelled and colour coded, however unfortunately there are items that are ending up in the incorrect bins on a daily basis. Please have a chat with your children about what goes in the correct bins. Our fantastic Sustainability committee will be heading this blitz this term, however they cannot do it alone. All help in rectifying this is appreciated!

Waste Free Wednesday is continuing to reduce our single use plastic waste across the school. Well done to Ruby in Year 2, Room 3 who won a beeswax wrap at assembly last week. Ruby is one of many students who consistently have a waste free lunchbox and was therefore drawn out of a hat to win the prize. There will be plenty more spot prizes to come.

Sarah Lechte
Sustainability Teacher

L`Angolo Italiano

*Benvenuti a tutti alla questa edizione di L`Angolo Italiano.
Welcome everyone to this edition of The Italian Corner.*

Students between Year 1 and Year 6 were involved in the **Fammi Un Poster Italiano** competition, sponsored by WAATI (Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian). Its purpose was to engage students creatively in language learning and promote Italian to the community in a fun and positive way.

This year the competition attracted 170 entries across fifteen schools.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Beaconsfield PS received numerous winners:

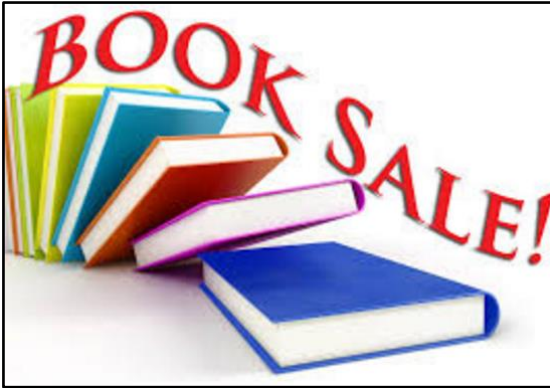
Year	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	Commend.
Yr 1	Annabelle P		Ayla B	Iveel Z Tara H
Yr 2				Wynn W Minnie N
Yr 3	Padma H			Ania W Oscar S
Yr 4				Daniel H Maisie C
Yr 5				Archie T Abigail B

Congratulations to our winners. I am so proud of you all. Also a huge thank you to teachers, parents and caregivers in supporting the children in this venture and ensuring they completed and submitted their work on time.

Students will receive their official certificates and prizes at the next school assembly, Friday 13 August. Please come along and support our students.

If students missed out on entering this year, don't despair because the competition will run again in 2022.

Signora Harrison
Italian Teacher



Preloved books will be on sale in the library in week 4 – Book Week.

*****Prices start at 10c.*****

You can purchase before and after school, recess and lunchtimes on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th of August

Rottnest News

Rottnest Island hosted its first ever **Jazz Festival** two weeks ago. The school was invited to a special free performance for children. This interactive performance by **Libby Hammer** was held in the cinema, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the students.



Last week we celebrated 100 Days of School. Everyone dressed up as a **Centenarian** and enjoyed a day full of '100' themed challenges.



Recreate a book cover competition

Your challenge is to re-create a book cover. Email your recreation in to: beaconsfieldbookweek@gmail.com by Wednesday 11 August. There will be a prize for the best book cover in each year group!

THE GOOD EGG

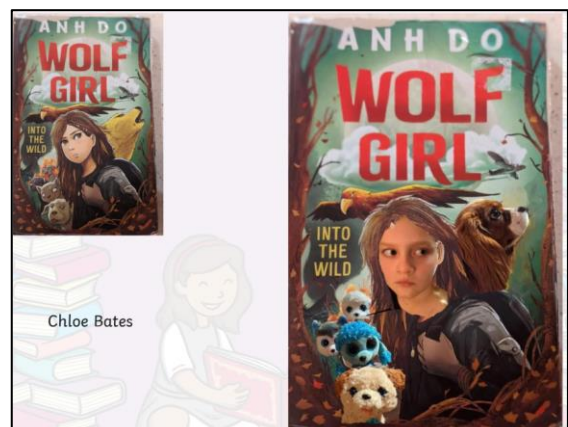
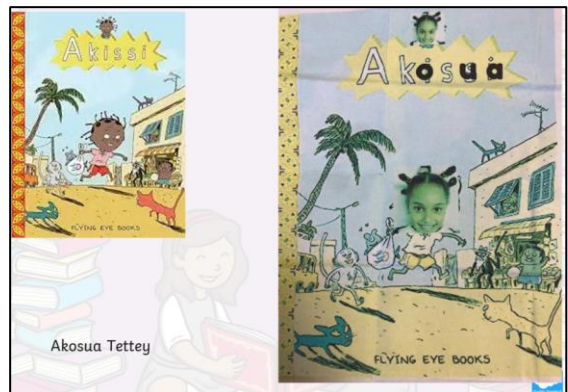
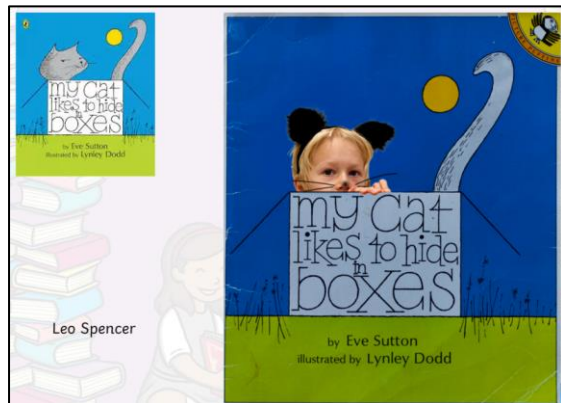
THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA by Judith Kerr

Dirty Dirty Bertie

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Here are some of Book Week Competition entries. Keep them coming in - it closes on Wednesday.



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